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Subject: COMMENTS RE DOCKET NUMBER TM-0407
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding to the matter of specific ingredients (Citric Acid) that may potentially be removed from the current approved national list. The use of Citric Acid in the processing of our produce products is **most critical**. We depend on Citric Acid to deliver the shelf life that is demanded by our customers. Our present shelf life of 1 year would be greatly reduced (in excess of 50%). Apart from extended shelf life we also rely on this ingredient as it acts as a stabilizer. Our processing procedures would have to be greatly adjusted without the continued use of Citric Acid.

I would ask that considerable study be evoked before final decision is made on this ingredient. I thank you in advance for allowing input on this matter.

Sincerely,

DERLEA BRAND FOODS INC.

Florence Alexander – Parray
Quality Assurance Manager

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